



Deputy Sheriff John M. Cleary

Vigo County Sheriff's Office, Indiana

End of Watch: Saturday, April 9, 1892

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JOHN M. CLEARY

Deputy John Cleary succumbed to a gunshot wound suffered 15 years earlier when he was shot by a burglary suspect.

Deputy Cleary had apprehended the man at his home and had arranged for the man to return the stolen money to the grocery store that was burglarized. When he let the man go into his home to get the money the man also slipped a revolver into his pocket. As the two men neared 5th and Ohio streets the suspect opened fire, striking Deputy Cleary in the chest and abdomen. Deputy Cleary was taken home but doctors were unable to remove the bullet.

Deputy Cleary made a slow recovery and returned to duty. The following May, Deputy Cleary and other officers located the original shooting suspect in a home at 5th and Eagle streets. As Deputy Cleary attempted a second arrest the man shot him in the leg and head. Deputy Cleary was able to take the suspect into custody. Deputy Cleary's health continued to deteriorate until his death in on April 9, 1892.

Deputy Cleary had served with the Vigo County Sheriff's Department for 23 years. He was survived by his wife and son.

BIO

Age: 48 Tour: 23 years Badge: Not available

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Deputy Sheriff Peter Feiler

Vigo County Sheriff's Office, Indiana

End of Watch: Friday, November 13, 1914

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PETER FEILER

Deputy Peter Feiler succumbed to a gunshot wound suffered 10 days earlier when he was shot while investigating reports of an armed man at a polling place at 15th and Ash streets.

As Deputy Feiler approached the man, the suspect fired his pistol without removing it from his coat pocket, striking Deputy Feiler in the abdomen. Deputy Feiler struggled with the suspect and was able to take him into custody. The suspect, who became the elected sheriff, was later found to have shot Deputy Feiler in self-defense and the charges were dismissed.

Deputy Feiler had served with the Vigo County Sheriff's Department for two years. He was survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons.

BIO

Age: 31 Tour: 2 years Badge: Not available

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Chief Deputy Paul Mankin

Vigo County Sheriff's Office, Indiana

End of Watch: Thursday, July 16, 1936

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PAUL MANKIN

Chief Deputy Paul Mankin was shot and killed when he and other officers attempted to arrest two suspects near Cherry and Water streets.

Both of the men had just robbed a woman of 55 cents and attempted to attack her near the Wabash River Bridge. As Chief Deputy Mankin exited his patrol car to approach the suspects one of them stepped back and shot three times, striking Chief Deputy Mankin in the chest, killing him instantly.

The shooter fled the scene and was later apprehended in Paris, Illinois, while the other suspect was arrested at the scene. One offender was sentenced to life in prison and the other was sentenced to death. On January 14, 1938, he was executed by electrocution.

Chief Deputy Mankin was survived by his wife and two sons.

BIO

Age: 40 Tour: Not available Badge: Not available

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Sergeant Walter Kevin Artz

Vigo County Sheriff's Office, Indiana

End of Watch: Wednesday, July 1, 1987

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WALTER KEVIN ARTZ

Sergeant Walter Artz was shot and killed after responding to a domestic disturbance.

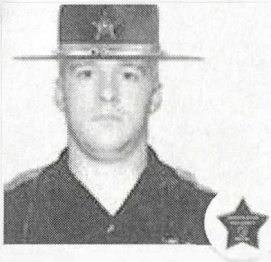
As officers attempted to calm the man down at the back door of the home the man suddenly began firing, fatally wounding Sergeant Artz. Officers returned fire and wounded the man, who then committed suicide.

Sergeant Artz had served with the Vigo County Sheriff's Department for 11 years. He was survived by his wife and two daughters.

BIO

Age: 32 Tour: 11 years Badge: 84-12

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Correctional Officer Aaron Michael Schoffstall

Vigo County Sheriff's Office, Indiana

End of Watch: Tuesday, November 28, 2000

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AARON MICHAEL SCHOFFSTALL

Correctional Officer Aaron Schoffstall was killed when he fell over a rail of the Wabash River Bridge on State Road 63.

Correctional Officer Schoffstall and another deputy were in uniform, riding to work, when they stopped to investigate an accident scene. While conducting the investigation, Correctional Officer Schoffstall fell over the rail to the pavement, approximately 33 feet below. Weather conditions were snowy at the time, causing the bridge to be icy.

Correctional Officer Schoffstall had served with the Vigo County Sheriff's Department for four years. He was survived by his wife, daughter, brother and parents.

BIO

Age: 24 Tour: 4 years Badge: 84-55

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Deputy Sheriff Enrico Aquino Garcia, Jr.

Vigo County Sheriff's Office, Indiana

End of Watch: Sunday, September 23, 2007

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ENRICO AQUINO GARCIA, JR.

Deputy Enrico Garcia suffered a fatal heart attack while conducting a tactical training exercise.

Deputy Garcia was training with Task Force 7, a multi-jurisdictional response team which he co-founded and is comprised of first responders from eight surrounding counties, when he was overcome by the heat and collapsed while wearing full-body armor. Emergency medical teams immediately started cardiopulmonary resuscitation and transported him to St. Vincent Clay Hospital in Brazil, where he was pronounced dead.

Deputy Garcia had served with the Vigo County Sheriff's Department for five years and had been involved in public safety for more than 20 years. He primarily served with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security as a coordinator for Hazardous Materials, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Counter-Terrorism Response.

He also served as a special deputy with the Putnam County and Sullivan County sheriff's departments and as a deputy marshal for the town of Roachdale. He had previously served with the Terre Haute Fire Department as a firefighter-EMT for seven years. Deputy Garcia was survived by his wife, three sons, six sisters, three brothers, father and stepmother.

BIO

Age: 44 Tour: 20 years Badge: Not available

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